1916 Saturday morning. (1917)

16 ~~Gotha~~ German aeroplanes have just passed over Richmond — They haven't done us any harm — We went & sat in the cellar & listened to them. — Nelly nearly had hysterics. The people next door saw them perfectly from the top window — A man in the street says one has been brought down in the Park — They pounded pretty near, but I don't know if they dropped bombs, or whether it was only over guns. Carrington has just rung up to say there were 35 over Gordon Sq^re but didn't drop bombs.

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Dearest,

I wonder whether it would suit you to have me for 2 nights from Wed. 31st to Friday 2nd Nov: (Oct 4th ?) I rather expect it won't, as your sorrows must be coming about then, & visitors would be a nuisance. We have decided that its more sensible for me not to go north with Leonard, as it were to be rather exhausting, let alone the expense. Therefore I thought it would be a good chance to come, but I could go either to Ka at Aldbourne, or to Roger, I think, if I didn't want to be here, or to Arkham, so don't consider for a second anything but your convenience. I should bring some work, & write in my bedroom.

I've just been to see the pictures, & to tea with Ottoline & Roger. I didn't see much of the pictures — but I was much impressed by one of yours — a brass pot on its side, a something of

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heart that sort. In fact I think you're about our best painter — such imagination; such a way of seeing, so that the thing seems a beautiful queer whole. But as I say I met Aldous Huxley, & to look at pictures was useless. Besides, Oh! — & Roger were very awkward. I've quite fallen from my height with her. She was rather distant — though I think this was partly due to the discomfort with Roger. She told me they couldn't get in at all. We went to Knightsbridge Barracks, — after saying, I suppose to insult him, that L. had Stalin tremor, a suspecting a sham, they gave him complete exemption, which they said was probably permanent. Duncan Craig a Wright though.

Alix came to print one afternoon, & was so bored that she has given it up — rather a relief. I'm now asking Barbara.

Could you let me know rather soon whether I could come, as I had better settle something or other.

I enclose the films.

Yours B

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20 Oct 1917

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Hogarth House,

Saturday.

Dearest,

I am very sorry to hear of your domestic worries — I thought I'd better stir up Mrs. Hunt myself, so I went there yesterday, & was told they had no h. parls. on their book at present: but would ring me up directly there was a chance gone. I've also been to two ~~of~~ agencies here: the first had one, but she wouldn't go to the country, the second also had one, & she wouldn't go either. As I was there however, a servant came in, who wanted to be house parl. & didn't mind the country, but

I didn't much like the looks of her. She was leaving because the gentleman said she coughed too much, but has a character from another place. I said I'd see it, but I don't think she is worth having really, as she looked very ill, & also rather shifty & dirty & the sort of person who might drink. By a miracle, I've kept the address of a very good agency in Chelsea, recommended by Pinkie Ritchie, where I'll go if I can on Monday. I moved in too awful of Dickie went – but I feel pretty sure I can get you someone from one of these places. Meanwhile Nelly is touting about among her friends & the servants where they are. She strongly advises you to advertise in the West Sussex Gazette, which one can

get at Lewes. She says that all the servants round Guildford go to it for places. It is much better than an agency - It must be an awful nuisance with Eva Edwards arriving & all the rest of it. I suppose a temporary would be no good? I expect it much easier to get a permanent one in the Summer. Also I expect it might be worth trying the agencies in Brighton & Eastbourne.

We had Zeppelins over last night. They are said to have destroyed Swan & Edgar at Piccadilly. We only heard the guns at a distance, & never heard the warning at all.

Have you seen this from the Cambridge Magazine?

I will write if I discover anyone, as I hope to - it rather like hunting a Swallow tail - I get quite excited.

YB.

22 Oct 1917 ?

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Hogarth

Monday.

Dearest,

I'm very glad that you've caught your servant. It certainly seemed rather hopeless here.

I've just rung up Saxon & offered him & Barbara Asheham. She is away at this moment. & he thinks that Nick may be back soon. B. would stay in London. However, if not, they would like nothing better than Asheham — in fact he wants to so there on Monday to spend his anyhow. & holiday there, Possibly I

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shall go there on Monday, - he rather
wants me to stay & keep him company
if Barbara doesn't come. I daresay
as a matter of fact, you'd be well
pleased to be without visitors while
you're starting your new arrangements.
Anyhow, you're quite free from Barbara
& you can see how you get on -
let me know anytime about coming,
as I shall certainly either stay
here or go to Asheham.

We are plunged in (temporary)
difficulties: Liz has at last had
her baby & her husband has been
wounded at the same time. So
that Nelly has had to go & look
after her - however, I suppose we
shall manage all right. We
had 6 hours of Walter Lamb the
other day - his qualities are such that
in spite of everything it's really worth
while, once a year.

Yr B.

27 Oct. 1917

Hogarth,
Saturday.

Dearest,

I have settled to go to Asheham on Monday with Saxon, & then to come to you, if I may, on Wednesday, till Friday. I think Saxon is going to Brighton on Wednesday; We have lent the house to him, Barbara & Nick for Nick's leave, & B. & N. come down on Friday I think.

Of course if you liked to come over to see us, we

should be delighted, but anyhow
I'll turn up for tea on
Wednesday with great joy.
By the way, if a parcel
should come for me from
the Times, do you think you
could your servants would
re-address it to Asheham.
Give it back to the postman.
It just possible they'll send
it down to you; I'm in
rather a hurry.
Barbara seems very anxious
to do the printing, & evidently

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she's much more capable than Alix. but as long as Nicky is England she has to be with him.

I shan't bring any clothes. I hope Miss Edwards won't mind but I'll try to make up by the elegance of my conversation.

Y.P.

I'm also having my letters sent to Charleston, but will you keep them – the only parcel I should like forwarded to Archam.